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Good work by the House.

With but two exceptions, the Republican side of the house of representatives stood like a stone wall against the assault of the financial honor of the government. Mr. Dingley sounded the keynote for this action of the majority when he said before the vote was taken on the Teller resolution: "If occurred in by the house it would legitimately and inevitably be regarded not only here, but by the world, as an expression of deliberate judgment of the American people as to their standard of honor and good faith in the discharge, not only of national, but also of private obligations."

... No one denies that this or any other nation has the power to pay in gold, or silver, or paper, or copper, according to its pleasure. Payment cannot be enforced against a sovereign nation. Its obligations are measured by its own sense of honor and good faith. The intelligent selfishness of a nation, which is to live not simply for a generation, but for centuries, ought to lead it to so scrupulously maintain its pledges, in both letter and spirit, as to preserve its credit unimpaired. ... A nation's honor and credit are its title deed to permanence and prosperity."

The silverites are fond of comparing the Teller resolution to the famous Stanley Matthews resolution, and charging inconsistency in those Republicans who voted for the latter and opposed the Teller proposition. It is true that the two are similar in phraseology, but Mr. Dingley showed plainly that conditions are not similar, and that the phrase in the resolution of twenty years ago, "to restore to its coinage such silver and coin," &c., was interpreted with good reason to mean something vitally different from what it must mean now. Congress is dealing with present conditions, and not with conditions that existed a generation since. It is dealing with a direct assault on the currency system of the government, made in a manner which virtually affects the credit of the government, to say nothing of its prosperity, which concerns all the people throughout the land.

A True Estimate.

The New York Evening Post, which cannot be accused of being particularly friendly to President McKinley, takes the proper view of his New York speech, and its significance, in the following comment:

"Of course, he (the President) will be accused of inconsistency," says the Post. "His past votes and sayings will be quoted against him, just as those of Secretary Carlisle were; but the battle will not be decided on the grounds of individual consistency, but rather those of national expediency and morality. We might dwell upon separate phrases and paragraphs of the President's speech, but that would be a task of supererogation. The main purpose is to bring the supporters of the gold standard and of the national honor upon a common platform, to arm them with a common purpose, to drive all cowards out of their skulking places, and to compel them to take one side or the other. This is what the nation has stood most in need of for a full quarter of a century."

This is all true. Despite what any one body may say in criticism of the President, however he may be misrepresented, and whatever may be the abuse of him from the silver monometallists and the Populist element of the country, there is no doubt as to where he stands, and that the power and influence of his administration will be for the integrity of our financial system and the national credit. There can be but two sides to a question affecting these important matters, and the President of the United States stands boldly for one side, which is the part of honor.

Time to Draw the Line.

When Congressman Rhea, of Kentucky, permitted himself to depart from decency and courtesy so far, as to stand in his place on the floor of the national house of representatives, and declare that the "hottest place in Hades" had been reserved for the venerable and honored secretary of state, John Sherman, because of his authorship of the act of 1873 suspending the free coinage of silver, he deserved the hisses he received from his colleagues from the remainder of the country.

When the fanatical devotion to a theory upon which men may honestly differ leads a representative of an honest and intelligent people to indulge in such a display of blackguardism and hatred, it is time for his people to call him home, and send to Congress in his stead someone with more regard for decency and the respect due to a statesman full of years and honor, and whose career in

the service of his country will be honored in history and memory long after his detractors of to-day and yesterday have been forgotten.

Tammany and Education.

Mayor Van Wyck, who led, but only as a figurehead, Tammany back into control of New York City, is trying faithfully to carry out the wishes of his master, and the real head, Boss Croker, and making a record for himself many ways. Stories are told daily of his despotic rule at the city hall, and his conduct seems to indicate that he has an idea that he wasn't elected mayor, at all, but to an absolute dictatorship. Among the more recent incidents in which this tendency cropped out, and in which he demonstrated his exalted ideas of the best things for the public good, was the cool information he imparted to the head of the educational department that the schools are "putting on too many frills."

This Tammany ruler's idea is that the duty of the government of the state ends with teaching the youthful mind "the three R's," and that reading "ritin" and "rithmetick" is education enough for the young. This is also the Tammany conception of the educational test in filling the offices, and the Tammany bosses cannot understand why anybody should demand or expect more. For instance, orthography is an art, a luxury, in fact, which Tammany doesn't see any virtue in, especially when applied to the civil service.

A New York special in a contemporary cites some instances that go to prove that spelling doesn't cut any figure whatever with Tammany when it comes to filling the responsible offices. Among them is the case of one appointee of the mayor's selected by the Croker combination, in which the recipient of the office, in recording his own appointment, spelled "bridges" "briggs," and "Bronx" "Bronks." Another individual appointed by the mayor on Monday registered himself as residing in the "borough" of Queens, and that he was "cleark" of the "municipel" court.

These incidents, and others the New York papers speak of, show the value placed by Tammany on an educational qualification for office holders. Croker himself isn't distinguished for that sort of ability, and he doesn't look for it in an appointee made by the machine, so long as he can pay his assessment and handle votes. For this reason a knowledge of "the three R's" is deemed to be amply sufficient.

The Real Question.

It may suit the purpose of our neighbor, the Bryan organ, to harp on the fact that the constitution of the United States says "gold and silver" and not "gold or silver," in providing that states shall make nothing else a tender in payment for debts, but that is a matter which has never been in dispute. Nobody ever denied that such is the language of the constitution, and even under the gold standard silver is money, and we are using more of it and coining it more rapidly than we did before the free coinage was abolished, when no silver dollars were in circulation.

It is, therefore, entirely unnecessary for the Register to call anybody's attention to the fact that the constitution says "gold and silver" and not "gold or silver," since this is not the issue, nor does the harping on a well known fact answer the question which the Intelligencer addressed to the Register concerning its hobby about the "money of the constitution." That question was, where in the constitution does the Register find any mandate or authority for the coinage of the metals at a false and dishonest ratio? Where does the constitution give the government the right to violate the laws of trade, and fix by statute law a false value on silver? Where is the authority in any law, fundamental or statute, for making sixteen to one the ratio when the immutable laws of trade make it thirty-two to one? Certainly the fathers of the republic recognized both gold and silver as money metals, but they were honest men, and nothing in the constitution warrants the belief that they ever intended that the ratio between the two should not be governed by reason and common sense, or that they held the absurd notion that value should be legislated into anything, whether it be gold, silver, or the theories of the quack financiers.

Tell it all.

While the Register is placing more value on the consistency of prominent men, who may have changed their views with changing conditions, than it places upon the merits of the great financial questions that are facing the country, why doesn't it go the whole business, and include its own record for consistency on the silver question? It hasn't been a great while since our neighbor was eloquently supporting President Cleveland's "gold bug" policy. Or, if a recalling of its own record is too embarrassing, there is Senator Faulkner's speech against the silver fallacy, delivered in Congress in 1893, and in support of President Cleveland's policy. The senator is a Democratic candidate for re-election to the senate from this state. Why doesn't the Register devote some talent to convincing its Democratic readers that the senator has a consistent record? Just now the public is thinking more about the merits of present questions in the light of events, rather than of personalities, but since our neighbor has the other idea, why not include its own record and that of the present Democratic senator from West Virginia in the round up?

Fish Commissioner Bowers.

In the appointment of Hon. George M. Bowers, of Martinsburg, to the office of United States Commissioner of Fish and Fisheries, the President has honored another sterling West Virginia Republican and the party of the state with deserved recognition. The appointment has been anticipated for some time, and is therefore no surprise, although it is most agreeable, not only to Mr. Bowers' personal friends of all parties throughout the state, but to Republicans everywhere within its boundaries.

Few men are better or more favorably known, and the well known devotion of Mr. Bowers to Republican principles, and his work for the cause for many years past have entitled him to this recognition at the hands of President McKinley. Moreover, he is able, honest and

well qualified for the position to which he has been selected, and will make an efficient and faithful occupant of the responsible office.

The New York Times (Ind. Dem.) strikes the nail squarely on the head when it remarks that the Teller resolution was "purely a manifestation by the extreme silver men, in the hope of disconcerting or confusing the Republicans—of 'putting them in a hole,' as the elegant phrase is." It is gratifying to know that the Republicans were not disconcerted, but stood almost to a man against the attempt to fool with the national credit and disturb business confidence. Even Speaker Reed, be it noted, exercised his prerogative to have his own vote recorded against the miserable scheme.

Another plot to murder the shah of Persia, and have a younger brother succeed him on the throne has been discovered. As the shah has six younger brothers, the possibilities of a series of plots until six distinct ambitions were satisfied would have been interesting to contemplate, if the first had been successful.

The house of representatives consigned to the grave the resolution of Senator Teller, which contained a weakly disguised declaration for the free coinage of silver. So far as this Congress is concerned the assault on the credit of the nation is suspended.

STATE PRESS GLEANINGS.

Wilton Randolph, an office deputy in the United States marshal's office, arrived here Saturday evening to be present at the session of the United States court to-day. Speaking of Mr. Randolph, the Parkersburg Sentinel says: "He is a versatile genius. He speaks six languages fluently, is a splendid singer and has several other accomplishments, one of which is making plaster casts of the faces of living persons. He has just completed two of these, one of Chief Clerk B. L. Priddle, and the other of Assistant United States District Attorney Benj. Trappnell. A great many compliments have been bestowed on the splendid work."

The Sentinel might have added that Mr. Randolph is a practical civil engineer and bridge builder, an artist of considerable ability, and can run his part of the United States court business as well as any other who was ever in that office.—Charleston Gazette.

Edward Kirby, of Sherman district, handed us a turkey shot Friday, which he took out of the heart of a hog he butchered a few days ago. When he removed the heart he noticed a white blister on it and on cutting it open found the shot. Another was found in the liver of the hog, all of them being turkey shot.—Hampshire Review.

The anniversary of the discovery of gold in California fifty years ago, is being celebrated in grand style in San Francisco. Our friend Dr. John H. Hunter is the only "Forty-niner" in this county, and he would, no doubt, greatly enjoy participating in the festivities, which are to continue a week. No one would suppose from his vigorous appearance that he was an argonaut and a Mexican veteran.—Morgan Messenger.

Two barges of pulp wood arrived at Parkersburg last week from the Mississippi in tow of the steamer H. S. Friesby and will be loaded into cars and shipped to this place for the Piedmont pulp mill. There are about sixty car loads on each barge.—Piedmont Independent.

With the coming of spring, no community in the great commonwealth of West Virginia has brighter prospects for active development than Clay county. All indications seem to point that way. With the coming of general prosperity in the land, capital is reaching out in search of profitable fields for investment. The resources of this county are well determined and fully defined. The timber interests amount to the millions; the mineral possibilities are no longer a matter of conjecture, but an assured fact; the healthful climate of our picturesque mountains and shady dales is sought for more and more each year as a boon to the weakened sufferer; and many acres of fertile land only await the willing hand of the sturdy farmer and they will yield forth splendid crops from the productive soil. All these advantages and resources have we, and more. We have at last attracted the attention of the outside world, and each day of the coming year will bring to our confines new settlers and capital to swell the aggregate wealth and develop our marvelous resources.—Clay County Star.

City of "Not at All".
"To-morrow I'll do it," says Dennie.
"I will by-and-by," says Seth.
"Not now—pretty soon," says Jennie.
"In a minute," says Beth.

Oh, dear little people, remember that, true as the stars in the sky, The little streets of To-morrow, Pretty-Soon and By-and-by, Lead, one and all, As straight as they say, As the King's Highway, To the city of Not at All.
—Youth's Companion.

The Human Touch.

High thoughts and noble in all lands Help me; my soul is fed by such. But ah! the touch of lips and hands—The human touch!

Warm, vital, close, life's symbols dear—These nearest most to me and here.—Richard Burton in February Century.

Hawaii and Japan.

Despatches from Washington state that there are about to be important developments in the Japanese imbroglio with the government of the Hawaiian Islands. However this may be, certain it is that the disturbance of the stomach caused by simple indigestion will develop into chronic dyspepsia unless checked at the start. The finest stomachic is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which promptly rectifies gastric trouble, and does away with irregularity of the bowels and liver.

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Mardi Gras Excursion.

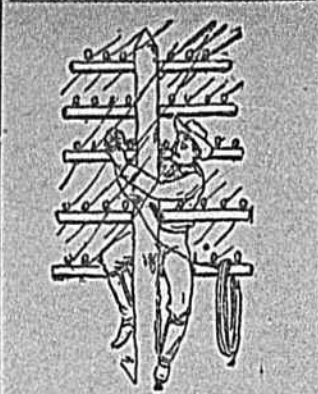
On February 19 a personally conducted excursion will leave Pittsburgh, Wheeling, Zanesville, Columbus and Cincinnati, via the Baltimore & Ohio and Illinois Central railroads, for a week's trip to the Mardi Gras at New Orleans. Rate, including board and sleeping car berth, for the entire trip, \$75.00. Address D. E. Stankor, manager, 35 Twelfth street, Wheeling, W. Va.

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WHAT THE BACHELOR SAYS

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A girl always comes away from a house party with either a terrible quarrel or an idea for a new waist.

Any man will admit that he can't make bread, but no woman will admit that she can't understand politics.

A mother would sometimes do better if she spent less time teaching her daughter when she ought to be a lady and more time teaching her when she ought not to be a woman.

When a man sees his wife really angry he says it is foolish to lose her temper like that; when he gets the same way himself he says there is a point where patience ceases to be virtue.—New York Press.

Devotions Definitions.

Dun—The future tense of due.

Bivious—The two weighs of the dishonest grocer.

Avarice—The only kind of ice that will not melt.

Nothing—A bungle without any barrel around it.

Antiquarian—A man who studies the habits of ants at a picnic.

Delicacy—The good thing a man can't eat when he has dyspepsia.

Expert—A man who can stand a cross-examination without getting confused.

Weed—A plant growing on a widow's bonnet that frequently produces orange blossoms.—Chicago Daily News.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES

They were at the tea table and a little domestic storm arose.

"Madam," exclaimed the angry husband, "you seem to forget that I earn your bread."

"Well," replied the patient wife, "I turn the tea, don't I?"—Chicago Daily News.

Her Supposition—Dorothy had heard some one singing that classical production, "The Little Alabama Coon," on the street. Presently she came to her mother and asked:

"Mamma, what does 'swat' mean?"

"What do you think that it means?"

"Well, I don't know, mamma, but I s'pose that 'swat' is colored for spunk."—Harper's Bazar.

Companions in Misery—The One—Oh, how I wish I had married a man who never drank. You don't know how I envy you.

The Other—N—no, he doesn't drink, but he smokes cubeb cigarettes.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Samsonian Feat—"Is papa strong as Samson, aunty?"

"Why, no, Willie; of course not."

"Well, mamma said he had you on his hands for two months."—Scribner's.

The Mutations of Time—De Short—You notice, perhaps, that I have sold my gold watch, and now carry a silver one.

Harduppe—Yes, old man; it's only an other proof of the old saw, "Circumstances alter cases," you know.—Life.

Experience—"Experience is er mighty good teacher," said Uncle Eben. "But sometimes er man makes de mistake of tryin' ter learn mo' lessons dan he'll evuh hab a chance to recite."—Washington Star.

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